

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:30 pm
New Library, 297 East State Street – Main Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members: Jay Joyce, Chairman
Bryan Hauschild
Bill Porter
Gary Glenn

Absent: Jim Trompke
Lillian Camus (Alternate)
Wilmont Lewis (Alternate)

Visitor: John Libera

Call to Order: Jay Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval December 10, 2019 Minutes

Jay Joyce asked if there were any changes to the October 10, 2019 minutes. Hearing none.

Motion made by Bill Porter and seconded by Bryan Hauschild to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 3 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild & Bill Porter), 0 opposed, 1 abstained = Gary Glenn

Open Action Items

Businessman's Recommendations

- 1) Land acquisition
 1. Sand Plains State Park Land off Green Meadow Lane - A decision was made not to address this until after the Granby Municipal Electric Department is created.
 - i) No new status
 2. Route 202 acreage abutting Town-owned land – West State Street to access Town-owned land-locked parcel.
 - i) No new information
- 2) Short Term Tax Incentives for new businesses
 1. Bill Porter posing the question of business incentives at the next Assessor's meeting (from the EDC October meeting)
 - i) Board of Assessors in favor, but need more time to research options and proper language = Bill Porter

Rt. 202 Upgrades – Except Village Center

- 1) Water Pipeline at 5 Corners = waiting for Mass DOT FY2023 scheduled work

- 2) Water Pipeline from the South Hadley\Granby Town line to 54 West State Street
 - a. MASS DOT has released entire project, including our proposed Water Pipeline
 - b. Temporary easement of 16 ft. all on the North Side for Mass DOT to park their vehicles.
 - c. All Building Owners have to connect to the water line and disable their current wells to avoid possible contamination.

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee to send letter of support to Select Board to proceed with the Water Pipeline from the South Hadley\Granby Town line to 54 West State Street.

Motion made by Gary Glenn and seconded by Bill Porter to send a letter of support to the Select Board to recommend proceeding with the Water Pipeline Project. Motion carried 4 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Gary Glenn & Bill Porter), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Grants/Loans

- 1) MEMA Grant – to remove dead trees over high tension wires = Not Approved
- 2) MVP Grant –
 - a. Water Pipeline Application submitted = Not Approved
 - b. Climate Change Natural Solution = Not Approved
- 3) Mass Works Grant Application - TBD
- 4) EPA Water Structure Funding Loan – Waiting on response from Steve Nally
- 5) Small Town Road Assistance Program Grant Application – (STRAP) = TBD
- 6) Economic Development Grant Application = PVPC DLTA Grant Application Submitted

Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program

- 1) All Solar Zoning Bylaws, as Amended, were approved by MA Attorney General
- 2) Granby Municipal Electric Department
 - a. PVPC is researching requirements and permitting
 - b. Revenue Producing Solar Bylaws
 - c. MA DOER is currently updating requirements

Address Select Board's comments to our memo

- 1) Rt. 202 Upgrade at Village Center
 - a) Historic District incorporate historic looking streetlights
 - i. Contact utilities for future planning/funding
 - b) Need an individual (Jay) to contact National Grid to possibly move existing utilities underground

New Business

None.

Other

Granby Economic Development & Growth Committee to send letter to Select Board recommending that the second portion of the Annual Town Meeting be conducted on Saturday, 6 June 2020 at 1 PM as a Trial to see if more Voters will participate

Motion made by Gary Glenn and seconded by Bill Porter to send a letter to the Select Board recommending the second portion of the Annual Town meeting be conducted on Saturday, June 6, 2020. Motion carried 4 in favor (Jay Joyce, Bryan Hauschild, Gary Glenn & Bill Porter), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Library.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Brian Hauschild and seconded by Gary Glenn to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

I, Jay Joyce, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the February 4, 2020 Granby Economic Development and Growth Committee meeting.